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REMARKS

By this amendment, applicant cancels without prejudice claims 6-7 and accepts claims 1-5 as allowable.

Applicant draws the Office's attention to the *Office Action Summary Sheet, Disposition of the Claims* section. Under item 4, claims 1-8 are indicated as pending; claims 1-6 as allowed; and claims as rejected. 7-8. Applicant believes this to be a clerical error.

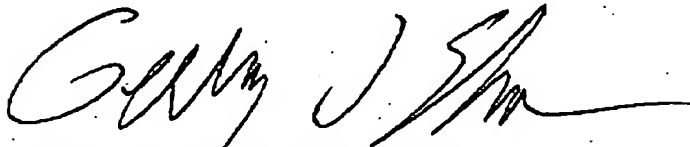
Rather, the *Detailed Action*, written by Examiner Sugarman correctly indicates claims 1-7 as pending. claims 6-7 are rejected as lacking novelty in view of U.S. Patent 5,782,547 to Machtig et al; claims 1-5 are indicated as being allowable. The prosecution history of the claims is stated in the following table for clarity.

October 29, 2001	Claims 1-15 filed with application
January 16, 2004	Restriction Requirement issued by Examiner Sugarman. Claims 1-7: Group I Claims 8-15: Group II
March 16, 2004	Applicant responded to Restriction Requirement. Claims 1-7: Elected with traverse.
June 17, 2004	Examiner Sugarman made the restriction requirement final.
November 17, 2004, as corrected on January 12, 2005	Applicant canceled without prejudice the previously nonelected claims 8-15.
April 6, 2005	Examiner's Action
May 2, 2005	Applicant amends application. Claims 1-5 are accepted as allowed. Claims 6-7 are canceled without prejudice.

Applicant believes that this amendment fully addresses the Examiner's Action in the Office Action mailed April 6, 2005, thus placing the instant application in condition for allowance. Applicant appreciatively acknowledges the Examiner's assistance, by way of personal and telephonic interviews, during the prosecution of this application. Any questions or comments should be directed to the undersigned attorney of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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